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WASHINGTON, July 2, 1992 -- Last weeks' two-day rail strike brought about a large reduction in rail traffic for the week ended June 27, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

Railroads originated 261,226 carloads of freight for the week, down 17.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Intermodal volume, which is not included in carloads, was off 21.6 percent, totaling 98,925 containers and trailers. Ton-miles were estimated at 15.8 billion, down 18.1 percent.

"The sustained growth in 1992 rail traffic over last year's volume was substantially undermined by last week's strike," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department.

"Inactivity during June 24 and 25 slashed carload volume for the week ending June 27 by 24.4 percent from the previous week," he added. "By and large, the effect of the strike was evenly disbursed among commodities and intermodal traffic, as well as across railroads."

For the first 26 weeks of 1992, cumulative carloadings totaled 8,351,081, up 1.7 percent from 1991. Intermodal volume was up 7.6 percent, totaling 3,206,719 containers and trailers. Ton-miles for the period were estimated at 525.7 billion, up 3.9 percent from 1991.

Railroads reporting to the AAR account for 94 percent of carloadings and 97 percent of intermodal.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 27, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JUNE 27, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	20,830	25,976	-19.8 %	26,296	-20.8 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,712	1,851	-7.5	2,063	-17.0
Metallic Ores	18,404	17,336	6.2	21,576	-14.7
Coal	89,138	111,846	-20.3	127,299	-30.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	11,866	14,689	-19.2	15,838	-25.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	6,256	9,149	-31.6	9,618	-35.0
Grain Mill Products	8,544	9,912	-13.8	10,686	-20.0
Food & Kindred Products	6,633	8,758	-24.3	9,022	-26.5
Primary Forest Products	7,940	9,277	-14.4	9,456	-16.0
Lumber & Wood Products	5,244	6,805	-22.9	5,888	-10.9
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,446	10,585	-10.8	10,783	-12.4
Chemicals	23,244	28,172	-17.5	28,762	-19.2
Petroleum Products	4,908	5,293	-7.3	5,870	-16.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,188	9,339	-12.3	10,501	-22.0
Coke	5,478	5,255	4.2	5,722	-4.3
Metals & Products	6,963	9,658	-27.9	9,520	-26.9
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	14,146	18,231	-22.4	20,221	-30.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	6,775	8,277	-18.1	8,772	-22.8
All Other Carloads	5,511	7,163	-23.1	7,466	-26.2
Total	261,226	317,572	-17.7 %	345,359	-24.4 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JUNE 27, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 26 WEEKS ENDING JUNE 27, 1992 1992	19[illegible]	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	261,226	317,572	-17.7 %	8,351,081	8,211,326	1.7 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	47,492	67,299	-29.4	1,590,714	1,545,294	2.9
Containers	51,433	58,810	-12.5	1,616,005	1,436,203	12.5
Total	98,925	126,109	-21.6	3,206,719	2,981,497	7.6
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	15.8	19.3	-18.1 %	525.7	505.9	3.9 %

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